

December 4, 1947

Mr. E. B. Lent
279 Fourth Street
Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. Lent:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 8, 1947 concerning oil spills from the Western Gas Company at Bremerton. At the present time this company uses two settling tanks, each having six compartments, for the recovery of heavy oils from plant waste waters.

Light oils are removed from the waste waters by filtering the plant effluent through a large concrete tank filled with sand and gravel. The filter media is changed at intervals varying from 30 to 40 days.

For short periods (during pumping operations) each 24 hours about 300 gallons of waste waters containing light oils only are bypassed from the settling compartments. At the present time the company is planning to construct another settling tank so that a higher degree of treatment can be reached.

Yours truly,

Engineer

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